RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT:

The Examiner has required election among the following species:

Species A1: Figures 1-4 (claims 1-3);

Species A2: Figure 5 (claims 4 & 5);

Species A3: Figure 6 (claims 6 and 7);

Species A4: Figure 7 (claims 8 and 9);

Species A5: Figure 8 (claims 10-12 & 14);

Species A6: Figure 9 (claims 13 & 15); and

Species A7: Figure 10 (claim 16)

In response, the Applicant elects Species A1 (Figures 1-4, claims 1-3), but traverses the Examiner's finding that no claims are generic and argue that claims 17-22 are generic.

REMARKS

This is a response to the election of a species requirement. The Applicant has made the election with traverse.

Insomuch as if the Examiner indicates that claims 17-22 are generic, and it is believed that these claims are allowable, the election of a species requirement is traversed and should be withdrawn.

Serial No. 09/846,703 Response to Restriction Requirement M:\9637/0L305\REK8525.DOC All species and claims should be examined on the merits. An early examination is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above remarks, withdrawal of this restriction requirement is respectfully requested.

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